Grandma's favorite read aloud Bible stories ©: Jonah part III

Jonah 2:10- 3:10

Jonah is waiting….

It's dark. But all of a sudden… Jonah felt the belly moving!! What was happening? Then --- before he could even pray --- Jonah fell backwards and THEN…..

He was flying through the air! And he landed – THUMP – on the ground! He was outside! He wasn't in the belly anymore! The sun was SO bright that he squinted! It hurt his eyes. He sat up and saw his skin…it was a lot whiter now – WOW… It looked whiter than a chicken egg or even the moon!

Then Jonah heard God!

"Get up, Jonah! Go to Ninevah. It's a really big city, but tell them all what I told you to say"

Jonah didn't run away this time. He did exactly what God said! When he entered the city, he yelled and walked and yelled the message saying "People! In 40 days your big city is going to be taken away from you and you are all going to be killed!" Jonah was surprised just how big their city of Ninevah was! It took him exactly 3 days to walk all the way across -- but he made sure as many people as possible heard God's message!

The people heard him alright and they were scared!!! They DID believe this strange looking man with the really white skin who was spit up by a fish! The people went and covered their bodies with rages and even stopped eating!! EVEN THE CHILDREN!

At the castle, the king of Ninevah was sitting on his throne when someone came and told the King about the message the "White prophet" named Jonah was yelling as he walked throughout the King's land. When the King finished hearing about Jonah and his message, He got up and walked over to the side and took off his royal robes and crown and just like his people did, he covered himself in rags. Then, because the King was so sad that his kingdom would be taken away, that he even went and sat in a pile of ASHES. He called for his royal writer and said, "Write down what I say and print it out. Then pass it out to all our people! Write this…

No man or child
No animal or even a bird should eat or drink!
But everyone should stay in rags and pray to Jonah's God! Everyone MUST stop doing bad things!
Even thought God's message said 40 days and you will all die, WHO KNOWS! Maybe, if we pray, He will change His mind and no longer be so angry with us. And then we won't die!"

And God watched!

You know what? It worked!! God saw that they were serious about not doing bad things anymore. He saw they repented and God forgave them!

Yea!! The people of Ninevah were saved!

But where was Jonah?